

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A filter assembly for producing filtered water comprising:
a container having an open top end,
a plurality of filter elements stored within said container,
wherein each of said filter elements are saturated with a water dispersible anti-microbial agent in an amount to treat the water;
a filter basket removably coupled to a top end of said container,
and
a lid removably coupled to said container to form a substantially watertight seal and to close said open top end of said container and said filter basket.
2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said filter elements include a water dispersible nutrient or vitamin supplement.
3. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said filter elements are impregnated with calcium hypochlorite as said anti-microbial agent.
4. The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of drinking vessels contained within said container.
5. The assembly of claim 4, wherein each of said drinking vessels include identifying indicia.
6. The assembly of claim 4, wherein each of said drinking vessels include a different color indicia to identify use by an individual.

7. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said filter elements are enclosed within a reclosable package and where said reclosable package is contained within said container.

8. The assembly of claim 7, wherein said reclosable package is a plastic, waterproof bag.

9. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said container has an internal lip dimensioned to support said filter basket.

10. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said filter basket has a porous bottom wall, a side wall and an outwardly extending flange, said flange having a dimension to mate with said internal lip on said container.

11. A method for producing filtered and disinfected drinking water comprising the steps of:

providing an assembly having a container with an open top end, a plurality of filter elements stored within said container, a filter basket and a lid for said container, wherein said filter elements are impregnated with an antimicrobial agent,

removing said filter elements from said container,

positioning said filter basket in a top end of said container and removably coupling said filter basket to said container,

positioning a filter element in said filter basket, and

passing unfiltered water through said filter element and collecting filtered and disinfected water in said container.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said filter elements contain a said anti-microbial agent in an amount sufficient to treat a volume of water defined by a volume of said container.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein said filter elements include a water dispersible nutrient or vitamin supplement.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein said filter elements are impregnated with calcium hypochlorite as said antimicrobial agent.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of drinking vessels contained within said container.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein said filter elements are enclosed within a reclosable package and where said reclosable package is contained within said container.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said reclosable package is a plastic, waterproof bag.

18. The method of claim 11, wherein said container has an internal lip dimensioned to support said filter basket.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein said filter basket has a porous bottom wall, a side wall and an outwardly extending flange, said flange having a dimension to mate with said internal lip on said container.